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Gunners hit back as terrorists shell settlements in North

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

KIRYAT SHMONA. — IDF guns hit back as Katyusha rockets fired from terrorist positions across the Lebanese border at 10.30 last night fell on Kiryat Shmona and Moshav She'ar Yashuv, due east of the town. Air raid sirens were sounded in the area and people scurried into shelters and security rooms.

Two residents of Kiryat Shmona, Sonego and Dahlia Rimoni, were wounded in the rocket attack. Sonego was hit in the head and his condition was later said to be out of danger. The first attack came shortly before 6 o'clock. Some 120mm Katyusha rockets launched from Lebanon fell in the area of the town. Some hit an empty flat in a four-storey block, seriously damaging the roof and two or three other flats, and blowing out doors and windows from a number of others. There were, however, no injuries from this rocket.

In another part of town, meanwhile, Solei Boneh employee Shlomo Gavriel was on his way to work when he heard the first Katyusha fall. As he ran home to take his family to a shelter, another rocket fell on the street 10 metres from him, wounding him in the stomach and a foot. He was treated by neighbours, taken to a first aid station and transferred to the Safad Government Hospital. He was operated on and his condition was later said to be out of danger.

From the Katyusha too, the main material damage was to windows, doors, power lines and parked cars. An Amidar official put the total damage from the rockets at IL50,000.

Police, civil defence and army personnel were quickly on the scene and calmed the residents. Police had to break into one of the flats affected, as its sole occupant had fainted and did not respond to calls from neighbours. Zalman Noya, another tenant, said he had been the first to see the rocket land in an empty lot. He then told his wife and children to run for shelter, but before they could do so, the building was hit. He and other residents of the area protested bitterly that their building has no security rooms, and that promises to build them had not been kept.

Electricity company, Amidar and Solei Boneh workers worked throughout the day to repair damage. As they worked, in one of the severely damaged flats a brick was being celebrated. The infant was Yitzhak Sonani, who had been brought home from hospital the night before the attack. The blast had covered his cradle with broken glass and plaster, but he was unharmed. Many of the neighbours joined in the celebration.

Officials in the north, among them heads of regional councils, said they were not pleased with a situation in which the initiative along the border is mostly in terrorist hands. The chairman of the Metulla Local Council, Assa Frenkel, said that the terrorists should not be given the chance to retaliate immediately after any Israeli operation is carried out. He called for a strong-hand policy against the terrorists, and reminded the Prime Minister and Defence Minister of the warnings they issue after every terrorist attack.

A statement issued in Beirut by the terrorist movements' news agency, Wafa, said the raid on Kiryat Shmona was a retaliation for the commando raid near Tyre (see adjacent columns).

Army may jam roads today

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
CONVOYS OF heavy vehicles taking part in an IDF transport exercise are expected to cause heavy traffic jams on roads in the central part of the country today. Announcing the exercise, which began on Monday, the IDF spokesman asked civilian drivers to show patience and to drive carefully when held up by the convoys.

Partial strike by engineers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Some 12,000 engineers began a partial strike yesterday for higher wages but the effect was barely felt immediately by the public.

Engineers worked slower. No weather forecasts were given to the media but pilots received the data. Many desks in the municipal engineers' office here were vacant at noon yesterday. One official explained that employees were away on summer vacation. Another official, munching a tomato, said planning continued, but the engineers were not signing documents.

Engineers were instructed by their union not to attend meetings with management or receive the public, but these instructions were not strictly adhered to. One official kept previous appointments and a second said, "depend who comes."

The Engineers' Union believes however the effect of the partial strike will be felt in the long run. "If an engineer doesn't participate in meetings on installing a new generator in a power plant, the public isn't going to feel it immediately," said Gustav Badian, secretary of the Engineers' Union. "But the Electric Company's management will," he added.

Gideon Ben-Yisrael, chairman of the Histadrut committee for academics, explained yesterday the pay scales of all employees in the service sector are linked to those of the engineers. Thus higher wages for the engineers would force pay raises for up to half a million other persons.

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U.S. delays 'certain' arms but has sent \$100m. since April

By WOLF I. BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department officially disclosed yesterday that more than \$100m. worth of military equipment has been shipped to Israel since April 1.

This information was publicized following press reports that the U.S. was delaying shipment to Israel of "dozens" of items as a form of pressure on its government to make additional concessions in the current round of interim agreement negotiations with Egypt.

"The pipeline of deliveries of military equipment to Israel is generally open," spokesman Robert Anderson said at the daily news briefing. He denied that the U.S. Administration was using the arms deliveries to Israel as a form of political pressure, adding that the U.S. does not believe a successful negotiation would be achieved if political pressure were applied to either Israel or Egypt. "It is not accurate to say that we are trying to pressure either side," he said.

Anderson said some deliveries of arms contracted before April 1 have not been sent to Israel on schedule, but he explained that this was probably a result of production schedules. Since the collapse of Kissinger's shuttle in March, and the resultant reassessment of Middle East policy by the Administration, all new arms contracts to Israel have been suspended. Administration officials have said that the U.S. will not enter into new arms commitments with Israel until the conclusion of the reassessment.

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Kissinger: I'm the real saviour of Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. SECRETARY OF State Henry Kissinger is quoted by an American newsmagazine in London as saying that, unless Israel submits to Egyptian demands on the passes and other elements of the proposed interim agreement "it is risking destruction."

This doomsday warning was made in a conversation with John Wallach of the "Boston Globe" on the Presidential plane taking President Ford and Kissinger back from their European tour. Wallach revealed the conversation in an interview with the BBC newsmagazine from New York yesterday.

The interview was broadcast on BBC Four's programme "Today." Kissinger told Wallach that "the Israelis do not appreciate that I am their real saviour."

He was complaining about Israel's reluctance to rely on him completely for guidance as to its security. Wallach said Kissinger had spoken in near-prophetic tones about the danger of war if Israel does not give in.

Israel Radio broadcast sections of the interview, in which Wallach said he was almost certain that Kissinger would be back in the Middle East for another round of shuttle on August 18. Wallach said the U.S. saw the latest Egyptian proposals for an Israel pullback in Sinai as very flexible, and wanted Israel to accept them.

President Ford had told Yugoslav leader Tito "very bluntly" that if Israel (or, Wallach added, as an afterthought, Egypt), did not accept the interim agreement, the U.S. would not hesitate to issue an overall programme which would include re-convening of the Geneva conference and an at least understood request for Israel to withdraw to its 1967 lines.

Here Wallach noted that "One of the most fascinating things for me as an American journalist is to have witnessed in the last several months as much pressure being applied to Israel without, really, a sign of backlash from the Jewish community in the U.S. There is much support (for the Ford-Kissinger policy) among Jewish intellectuals in the U.S., who recognize the necessity for another interim agreement, for Israel's own sake," he said.

Wallach then added that Kissinger, "very tired," had told him in Helsinki that he honestly felt that what he was doing was for the long-range good of Israel and that he, Kissinger, was saving the Jewish people and the State of Israel itself.

A bracelet from Baghdad

By YOEL DAB

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A JAFFA WOMAN recently got back a bracelet she had given to a neighbour for safekeeping — 25 years ago in Baghdad.

The woman preferred to remain anonymous to protect her former neighbour, a Moslem woman named Leila.

"When we Iraqi Jews emigrated after 1948, we were not allowed to take with us any gold except wedding rings. I gave my bracelet, on which I had spent all my savings, to my neighbour and asked her to guard it for me and, if we shouldn't meet again, to keep it as a gift." The bracelet is worth several thousand pounds today, she added.

Some time ago, the Jaffa woman received a letter from her former neighbour, posted from Europe. The neighbour wrote that she was in Europe for medical treatment, but asked her friend not to answer the letter. The Israeli woman complied, but this summer sent her regards through another woman who visited Europe. When this woman returned, she brought with her the bracelet, entrusted to the neighbour in 1950.

Industry seeks 4% price rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association said yesterday it will ask for permission to raise prices by 4 or 4½ per cent in the wake of the new cost-of-living allowance and new taxes. The price rise would be asked for the end of this month or after Rosh Hashana.

(The government has predicted a further 0.5 per cent increase as a result of yesterday's 2 per cent devaluation. Story on page 2.)

The association spokesman, Mordechai Sarig, argued that, since salaries account for a quarter of the cost of producing goods, the manufacturers must increase prices by at least three per cent to cover the C-o-L increase. The rest of the increase he laid to the employers' tax.

Dr. K. said planning shuttle in fortnight

By WOLF I. BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz was scheduled to receive from Secretary of State Kissinger last night Egypt's latest thinking on another interim agreement in Sinai.

Before the meeting, State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said that "substantial differences" remain to be bridged in the negotiating position of the two parties, but he added that progress is being made.

He also announced that Herman Edits, the U.S. Ambassador to Egypt who has returned to Washington with Kissinger, will remain here until Dinitz conveys Jerusalem's response to the Egyptian proposal.

Anderson said that Kissinger has "obviously" not ruled out the possibility of resuming shuttle diplomacy, but no current plans have yet been made. Informal sources here reiterated yesterday that Kissinger is currently attempting to lay the groundwork for a resumed shuttle in about a fortnight.

Hussein says Jordan involved in next war

By MICHAEL ROSS

AMMAN (UPI). — King Hussein of Jordan, warning of the likelihood of another war into which his kingdom would be drawn, said yesterday that he would not hesitate asking the Soviet Union for weapons if the U.S. Congress turns down his request for American Hawk missiles.

But Hussein denied reports that he was planning to go to Moscow in the near future in search of arms aid, indicating he will try to buy the weapons he wants from the West before turning to the East.

In an interview in Amman, Hussein said: "It appears to us that if there is another war, then Jordan this time is going to be in the centre of it."

"The (Israel's) objective is to hit the Syrian Army, then this can only be done by going through Jordan. If their objective is to threaten the oil-producing countries, then Jordan is in their way. If their objective is to alter the

ground situation to their advantage by destroying a defensive line in an area that would threaten all the Arab world, then obviously Jordan must be their target.

"For these reasons, we in Jordan feel very, very threatened and vulnerable, and we must take measures to brace ourselves for what might happen."

The monarch stressed the following main points in the hour-long interview:

- That a new Middle East war — one that will affect the world balance of power more drastically than any previous conflict between the Arabs and Israelis — is fast approaching and will become inevitable unless urgent steps to avoid it are taken.

- That his current rapprochement with Syria has so far not reached the stage of forming a joint military command between their two armies, although it is moving in that direction because of his fear that Jordan would be a major Israel target in any new war.

- That Israel's current military capability is superior to that of the Arabs, who must prepare with speed to balance the threat.

- And that he will not hesitate approaching any other supplier, including the Soviets, if Congress fails to approve the entire Ford Administration request that it sell Jordan \$350m. worth of Hawk missiles and other anti-aircraft weaponry.

Red Army frees some hostages

Malaysia

Malaysia. — A Red Army gunman this morning freed nine of his hostages, women and young children, and continued negotiations with the other 41 still held by the group.

The Red Army had been demanding the release of the hostages since it captured them on a plane to Subang, 20 kms. from the building of the ninth-floor embassy of Malaysia.

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We mourn the death of

Prof. HARDEN ASHKENAZI

a great doctor and a wonderful person

and offer sympathies to the family.

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Yeruham boy found killed, 3 arrested

Jerusalem Post Staff

YERUHAM. — The 11-year-old local boy who disappeared from his home on Saturday night was found yesterday morning in a nearby wadi — apparently murdered. Three local residents have been arrested in connection with his death.

An intensive police search for Yitzhak Arie, extending as far north as Dimona and south to Sde Boker, ended when a Beduin youth, 17-year-old Muhammad Suleiman Uja, reported to the Yeruham police that he had seen a body partially concealed beneath bushes in a dry river bed north of the settlement.

A search team had previously combed the wadi but had failed to discover the boy who had left home after a quarrel.

According to police, marks on the body indicate that Yitzhak was killed by a blow on the head from a blunt instrument. The investigation is continuing.

Yitzhak was one of seven children. His mother works as a cleaning woman at a local school while his elderly father is a labourer.

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Social and Personal

Hubert Leyzen, Deputy Speaker of the Belgian Senate and vice-president of the Council of Europe, yesterday called on Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Japanese Ambassador Kazuhide Komuro gave a cocktail party and supper in honour of four visiting members of the Japanese Diet at the Jerusalem Hilton yesterday. Several Cabinet ministers, diplomats, leading Jewish Agency officials and the Mayor of Jerusalem attended the event.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will meet today at the Jerusalem Theatre at 1 p.m. Avital Mossinson, the theatre's director, will speak on "Why people go to the theatre."

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Shulamit Hotel, Ahuzat, at 1 p.m. today.

IN MEMORIAM

The shloshim of the death of Yosef Amar and Yoram Zizuli, the two Communications Ministry employees murdered in the Zion Square outrage, was marked yesterday at a memorial assembly at Beit Agnon in Jerusalem. Among the participants were Rav Ahuf Mordechai Gur, Mayor Teddy Kollek, representatives of the Communications Ministry, members of the families and friends.

ARRIVALS

Beatrice Barwell, a vice-president of the British Zionist Federation and chairman of its Day School Committee, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday for a conference of Jewish Community Services in Jerusalem (by 28 A.M.) on a private visit.

DEPARTURES

Dr. M. Sarach, president of the Sephardic-Portuguese community in Amsterdam, after a short visit (by 21 A.M.).

1st Bond coin presented to Sam Rothberg

The first coin minted in the Independence Day series devoted to the 25th Anniversary of the Israel Bond Campaign was presented to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, by President Ephraim Karmi last night (Tuesday) at Beit-Hesset during a dinner which concluded the 1975 Israel Bond Jerusalem Leadership Conference.

Community leaders from the U.S. and Canada arrived last Sunday at the invitation of Prime Minister Rabin to prepare for a major conference to be held in Chicago at the end of the month to launch the final phase of the 1975 Bond Campaign in North America.

UK cricketers due here next month

LONDON (AFP). — The Bournmouth 5705 cricketers will be coming to Israel next month, for their second tour after their success in 1968. They were the first foreign cricket team to visit Israel and last year were hosts to Israel's national cricket team, composed of olim from Britain, South Africa, Australia and India.

The players leave for Israel on September 29 and will play against their regional teams before the big event of the tour — a test match against the Israel XI at Ashdod on October 8.

No weather forecast

There was no weather forecast last night, due to the engineers' strike.

Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal

Deeply grieved by the untimely passing of

LOUIS KLEIN C.B.E.

Federal Co-Chairman

Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal of Australia

and

President

Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal of New South Wales

Heartfelt condolences to his family.

Ezra Z. Shapiro, World Chairman

S. J. Kreutner, Director-General

Our thanks to members of the family, friends and acquaintances for support in our deep grief on the death of

FRIDEL HAMBURGER

whose memory will always be with us.

Justin Hamburger
Chava Surkis and family
Ruthi Gil

Devaluation caused scarcely a ripple

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Yesterday's 2 per cent devaluation of the Israeli pound made scarcely a ripple in the business and banking world. A Barclays Bank official commented: "It wasn't even the first item in the local English-language radio news broadcast at 7 o'clock this morning."

The ministerial committee that decided on the measure sat late on Monday night. It has three members: Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev and Justice Minister Haim Zadok — with Moshe Sanbar of the central bank as adviser. The committee's decision had to be confirmed by the Prime Minister before it was announced.

The biggest surprise was that the devaluation turned out to be so small, in view of the recent increase in the value of the dollar in relation to European currencies. Dealers suspect a further devaluation will soon come. (See stock market report, page 7.)

Israelis going abroad were being charged an extra 2 per cent on their already-purchased tickets in the airport as from last night. "This decision was taken by the airlines, not the Government," a Treasury official told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. (See "Travelers" below.)

Holiday-makers returning from overseas are supposed to re-convert their unspent foreign exchange into Israeli pounds at the old rate, according to a long-standing regulation.

The only tax connected with the devaluation was that imposed on the banks. It amounts to 2 per cent of their foreign currency holdings. Contrary to yesterday's report in this paper, persons with foreign currency accounts are not affected.

As for the devaluation's effect on car prices, Abraham Banay, Ford's agent in Jerusalem, said: "We absorbed the cost of the last devaluation without upping prices. Imported 1975 models will not be affected this time either." (But the 1976 models are due to come in next month.) "As to the locally assembled Escorts, we are examining the situation," he reported.

The BMW range also faces a current increase in the factory price, "to which the 2 per cent must be added," an official of the company explained. This could mean a price rise of IL3,000-IL4,000 on the costly German import. "We don't know the details yet, because our existing stocks are sold out, and there is a ban on further imports which only expires at the end of this month."

0.5% average price rise seen following devaluation

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government and private commercial circles admitted yesterday they could not forecast precisely how the latest devaluation would affect retail prices generally.

"The key is market demand," the spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce told *The Post*. "We estimate that if consumer purchasing remains stable — without a buying spree — then the devaluation will probably have very little influence on prices, except on merchandise imported in its final state. And, even then, it is logical to assume that suppliers will absorb part of the higher costs if they see demand weak."

As for basic food commodities — such as bread, milk, sugar, rice, eggs and cooking oil — the Treasury pledged their prices would not rise. The same applies to petrol and bus fares.

The spokesman noted that the Friedman company — manufacturer of refrigerators and washing machines made with imported components — had sent its workers on leave and closed down its plant for two weeks because of a sharp fall in demand recently.

According to ministry calculations,

Gov't will have to cut spending

By GHIDON ESHET

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Following its second 2 per cent "mini-devaluation" early yesterday, the Government will have to curb its domestic expenditure by IL450m. This is because the Treasury has decided to "absorb" the costs of the devaluation.

Under the Budget Law, the Government is limited in the amount of Israel pounds it can spend. But part of this expenditure — for purchasing military equipment, for debt service and for food and materials — is in foreign currency. And, due to this devaluation and the one a month before, these expenditures will now be 4 per cent greater in terms of the Israel pound.

These foreign-currency payments will amount to about \$800m. for the current year. As the two mini-devaluations will average out over the year to 3 per cent altogether, this means the Government will need an additional \$24m., or IL48m. to cover its budget.

Since a large part of the foreign currency expenditure goes to repay debts — an item which cannot be reduced without hurting the country's credit — the cuts will have to be in domestic expenditure.

If the Government makes further devaluations during the year, it will have to decide whether to ask for a budget increase. After last year's 43 per cent devaluation, the Government asked for — and got — a IL4,000m. budget increase from the Knesset.

LOTTO. — This week's winning numbers in the Lotto lottery are 03 05, 07, 24, 36 and 37. The additional number is 10.



Remains of the Leyland truck which hurtled down Tiberias' steep and dangerous main road yesterday and smashed into two parked cars, killing its driver and his relief man.

2 killed in Tiberias truck crash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Nazareth Road, the accident-prone main street leading eastward down into this city, claimed another two lives yesterday when a heavy Leyland truck loaded with telephone cables went out of control, apparently because of faulty brakes. It hurtled downhill through the courtyard of the police station and out through its fence, and crashed into two parked cars.

The crash was fatal for the two men in the truck's cabin. Driver Sabagh Zangi, 24, was crushed and instantly killed by the impact of the truck cabin against the wall around the station yard. Relief driver Zvi Biton, a 38-year-old father of four, died on the way to hospital.

Another truckdriver, Elihu Zeltoun, reported after the accident that he had seen smoke coming out of the brake-drum and had signalled the Leyland's driver to stop. He had, but after looking at the brake drum he and his partner decided they could go on; after driving another 300 metres the brakes failed and Zangi lost control of his vehicle.

An irate crowd gathered at the scene of the accident and tried to block the road to heavy vehicles. Residents recall the large number of fatal accidents on the road — the most recent, last winter, when two lives were lost.

Mayor Moshe Trahar dissuaded the demonstrators, and took the matter up with the directors-general of the Labour and Transport Ministries. A plan for a road to allow heavy trucks to bypass the town was prepared years ago, but no money was budgeted for it. The 25-km. bypass, from Golani junction to Migdal, would cost IL50m. (at the rate of IL10m. a year). The mayor also wants a police post at the western approach to the city, where the brakes of every truck would be checked.

In Ashdod, local resident Yitzhak Adri, 21, was killed at 6.30 a.m. yesterday when the pickup truck he was driving collided head-on with a truck coming in the opposite direction on the bridge connecting the Ashdod town with its harbour. A passenger sitting beside him was seriously injured. Four persons in the other truck suffered medium injuries.

El Al air crews call off strike

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

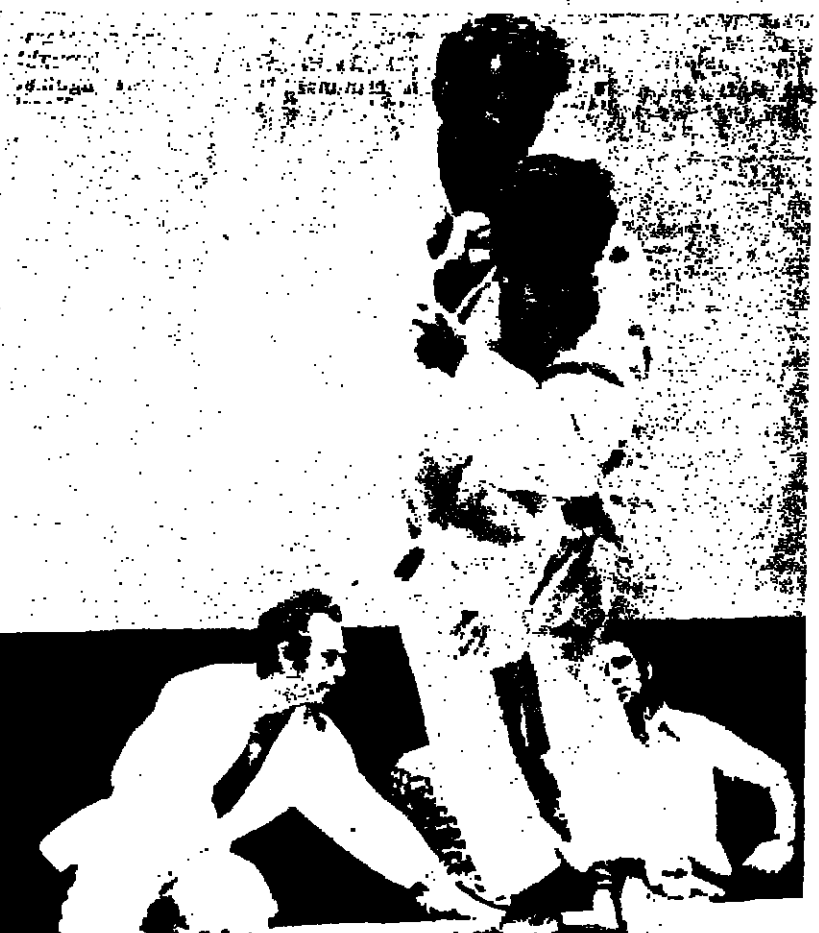
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al air crews withdrew their strike threat early yesterday morning following a marathon meeting here between the management and representatives of the air crews.

The breakthrough came when the air crews accepted a company promise that there would be no change in their net take-home pay, both in local and foreign currency, until their present labour contract expires at the end of next March. They were also told that the company and the Government would give special recognition to the fact that air crews spend prolonged periods away from their homes. But the crews' demand for the wholesale conversion of their present salaries into local currency was turned down.

The company's promise to the

air crews was outlined in a letter signed by El Al president Mordechai Ben-Ari. It is understood that Ben-Ari's letter was written with the backing of the Ministries of Finance and Transport and that it was made clear to the crews that the company would not be able to budge from the terms offered.

The result of the talks was an agreement to put off differences and postpone showdown until next year. Apart from the Government instructions to El Al, it is assumed that the crews may also have been influenced by the difficult economic phase the company is now experiencing. The past financial year showed a slight deficit and this year's is expected to be even larger. The strike would have caught El Al at a particularly inopportune time — the peak of the summer holiday season with planes booked to near capacity.



Two blind judo students demonstrate their skill yesterday. The third man in the demonstration is seen feeling for the edge of the mat. (Rahamim Israeli).

Blind IDF veterans demonstrate judo skill

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moshe Weiss, Rafi Fallach and Ya'acov Rubenok — all IDF veterans wearing traditional white judo robes — took turns yesterday tossing each other into the air and landing on a rubber mat with a thud.

Instructions from their coach to "turn right" or "step away from the end of the platform" — interspersed with the names of judo holds in Japanese — were the only indication that the graceful combatants were blind.

Judo for the blind? "It's almost as if the sport were invented for the blind," asserted Shlomo Nadav, manager of the sports department of Beit Haholom, who directed the judo exhibition at the First World Conference of the Jewish Blind, in its second day yesterday in Jerusalem's Hilton Hotel. "It gives real body contact — unlike soccer or basketball — and each player can feel his opponent."

The three veterans — a physiotherapy student, a telephone operator and an insurance man — did somersaults and took falls without even wincing, as 500 sighted and blind persons in the audience listened to a verbal description of the action with earphones. "That's enough to prove to any blind person that if he knows how to fall he won't get hurt," said a delegate from New York.

In yesterday's morning session, Harold Troh, director-general of Malben in Israel, criticized the lack of adequate services and educational

assistance for the blind. Only 64 blind youngsters attend Israeli high schools, he said, and only a minority of the 218 in elementary schools will be able to go on beyond the eighth grade.

David Mendel, a young man who has been blind since birth, said that "our rehabilitation is not just a white cane, a seeing-eye dog and learning braille." He said he opposed the approach of the Social Welfare Ministry and other institutions dealing with the blind, who "hesitate to help us find work in the broader occupational areas rather than the classical jobs performed by the blind." He stated that, "if they give us the right kind of help, we will not only be able to support ourselves but also pay income tax and bus fare, without help from the ministry."

Yehuda Schiff of the Social Welfare Ministry said the blind were entitled to income tax concessions, but that more effort should be made to train the blind for the new fields opening in the technologically developed world.

The hotel, which marked the elevator buttons with braille instructions and made special accommodations for the seeing-eye dogs, has posed only minor maneuvering problems for its blind guests. "They have such self-confidence that some of them run down the marble spiral staircases," said a girl soldier, who, along with Eyal Akiva, youth, has volunteered to assist the blind delegates. "I've had a few close calls slipping down the stairs myself."

Haifa rabbi says plastic surgery violates Halacha

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa Chief Rabbi Elihu Bakshi-Doron stated yesterday that plastic surgery for merely cosmetic reasons violates halacha on the grounds that it changes the body unnecessarily.

Addressing rabbinical scholars at the 18th national Oral Law conference sponsored by Yad Harav Maimon and Moshe Harav Kook in Jerusalem, Rabbi Bakshi-Doron said that plastic surgery to correct serious flaws that cause the person suffering from the defect to be a social outcast is allowed by most halachic authorities.

Rabbi Shlomo Hachohen and S.E. Werner said that halacha definitely prohibits a doctor from shortening the life of a dying patient, even if he is suffering and in great pain. Rabbi Shlomo Raphael reiterated the accepted halachic ruling against abortions performed for reasons other than the mother's physical health.

Record number go on trips abroad

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

A record number of Israelis went abroad in July, the first month of the school vacations. The Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday gave the number of departures as 62,000, or 90 per cent up on the figure for June.

The total for June and July — about 122,000 — topped by 12 per cent the figure for the same two months last year. Israeli departures for the first seven months of the current year are put at 180,000 — an increase of 9 per cent on the corresponding period in 1974.

Israelis returning in the seven-month period totalled 118,500, exceeding the total for the similar period last year by 12 per cent.

U.S. Hadassah wants charter bus relaxed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hadassah Organization in the U.S. on Tuesday called on the Israel Government to relax the current restrictions on charter flights.

Hadassah, one of America's largest Jewish organizations and in the past a prominent organizer of tours to Israel, stressed in its letter that the high air fares are making it difficult to promote this aspect of its activities. The difficult economic situation in the U.S. does not encourage travel to Israel, the letter noted, and the situation can be improved only by a significant reduction of a tour package.

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Terror suspect withdraws torture claim

The High Court yesterday dismissed an application from a terror suspect that it order the police to stop taking her from the Negev women's prison to Jerusalem for questioning.

The attorney for Abouda Tmari, 17, himself withdrew the application after prosecution witnesses denied all her claims of being subjected to an outside medical examination. The prosecution said that Abouda's real reason for objecting to her removal was that she wanted justice to her friends who had given police the names of 20 suspected terrorists whom she had sheltered during April.

Abouda had claimed, among other things, that the nails of her toes had been torn out in questioning in Jerusalem the month before. But a Ramle physician found the nails in good condition, and noted that it was not possible to tear them out in again. Her claims that she was being tortured were also denied by police officers and girl soldiers who were present during questioning.

Hitchhiker robs driver

TEL AVIV. — A hitchhiker dressed in army uniform robbed a American tourist who gave him a ride on Monday. He got away with several thousand pounds worth of cash and jewelry.

Barbara Katz picked up the man, uniformed and carrying a service revolver, near Ashdod and headed in the direction of Tel Aviv. When the car neared the Ramat Gan station, the man drew his weapon and demanded the driver hand over her handbag here in the bag. When Mrs. Katz refused to comply, he hit her in the stomach with the gun, grabbed her handbag and made off.

Several passers-by who saw the incident pursued the robber, who fled into the woods by the Yark after a pre-arranged rendezvous with a kidnover; but he managed to evade them. After Katz's handbag contained, plus \$500 worth of travelling cheques, two diamond rings, \$3,000 in cash and her passport. Police are investigating.

Ofakim councillor charges financial abuse by rabbi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

OFAKIM. — A town council member here has asked the Ministry of Religious Affairs for a complete investigation of the financial dealings of the local Religious Council, claiming public funds were used for private purposes.

Avraham Ravivo, acting head of the local auditing committee, charges that Rabbi Yacov Shalom Cohen has been head of the local Religious Council for four years and has taken advantage of his position to spend funds for his own use. He said he had sent a letter to the Religious Council demanding certain financial information, which has not been sent. He claims that with Rabbi Cohen as the head of the council, he probably will not receive a reply.

Rabbi Cohen refused to reply to the charges, saying Ravivo is merely seeking publicity for his own self-aggrandizement.

Mayor Yehiel Ben-Tov said that to his knowledge, all financial matters of the Religious Council are in order.

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Soviet thugs shoot at son of would-be oleh

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YIV. — Young thugs in the City of Nogiak recently fired at a 14-year-old Mark Alber, who is struggling for the right to immigrate to Israel. But the shot missed his head, it was said.

Police say responsibility for the incident lies in the family's apartment, where the boy had been previously subjected to brutal attacks, and repeated acts of violence had been directed at his parents as well. The incident took place in June, when the boy's father, Prof. Alber, participated in the Security Conference which was held in Helsinki.

According to information received from a group of youngsters aimed at the boy's father, a metal bullet was fired, and it whizzed past his head.

Prof. Alber was alerted and found a handgun in the family's possession, with a handgun. But he failed to take any action against the thugs.

Prof. Alber, a mathematician, complained that no action had been taken in an overtly criminal act on his son, the police reported. "The trouble with you is that you are not applying to Israel. People resent this. No there is such overwhelming against you in this community."

Alber's son, 11, from that day on, has been constantly subjected to attacks and violence. None of the appeals to the police or local prosecutor's office in Helsinki.

Prof. Alber wrote: "The son of a man who is a whole without guaranteeing the life of every individual, independent of his nationality, race or religion."

Soviet Jewry groups to meet in Paris

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The heads of national councils for Soviet Jewry in several countries will meet in Paris early next month to prepare a joint course of action to influence the Kremlin to adopt a more humanitarian approach to Jewish emigration.

The Paris meeting is likely to decide on another "Brussels Assembly," similar to one held in the Belgian capital a few years ago when a joint front of Jewish organizations in the free world was established to help Soviet Jewry.

IL 100,000 used for boy's surgery in Paris

MORDECHAI ZASLOW
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SEBIA. — More than IL100,000 was raised here in the summer to send a three-year-old local boy to Paris for surgery on a dislocated hip.

The boy, who was born with a dislocated hip, had to undergo a long and painful operation. The money was raised by the highly successful "Operation Hip" campaign, which was organized by the local Rotary Club and the local Jewish community.

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Judean fortress uncovered near Kfar Etzion

A well-preserved 2,700-year-old Judean fortress has recently been uncovered at Khirbet Abu Taweh, near Kfar Etzion, in an excavation conducted by the Hebrew University.

The fortress, which was built on a high hill, the fortress overlooks the ascent from the plain to the mountain. It was probably used as a military and administrative stronghold in this mountainous region, sparsely settled at the time. It apparently functioned also as a communication point between the plain and the mountain, through signals and lookouts.

The remains of a rural settlement — a few homes scattered on the slope — were found near the fortress. The fortress and settlement were abandoned with the destruction of the First Temple; but in the Return to Zion (6th-5th centuries BCE) the fortress was used again, and a large proportion of the finds in this dig are from that era.

Carefully nursed fishlets put into Kinneret

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Fisheries Division has put half a million "carefully nursed" grey mullet fishlets into Lake Kinneret to replenish the lake's stock. This is the first large hatch of mullets put into the lake in three years.

The mullet (*mugil cephalus*), or kibon in Hebrew, is a sea fish which spawns in river estuaries, where the fishlets are caught in spring. They can adapt to sweet water and have become a valuable addition to the Kinneret and fish ponds. However, probably due to the pollution of rivers, getting enough of the fry has become increasingly difficult.

Because the mullet are becoming rare, the experts decided to try and increase the usual survival rate of one in 10 in transplanting the fishlets by specially developed gradual acclimatization processes. It is hoped this will at least double the survival rate to yield a hundred tons of commercial fish from this year's fry.

Local firms can help build A-power station

Several Israeli manufacturers are able to supply components for nuclear power station to be built here, according to a working agreement between the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Energy.

The agreement, which was signed in Haifa, allows local firms to supply components for the construction of Israel's nuclear power generating station, which is estimated to cost \$400m. to build.

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Georgians score breakaway group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Members of more than 1,000 immigrant families from Soviet Georgia have signed a petition against the breakaway "Association of Georgian Immigrants," which recently split from the Soviet Immigrants Association.

This was reported Sunday by the director of the Soviet Immigrants Association, Daniel Baladz, and his deputy, Misha Khril.

The Association Ministry recently recognized the Georgian splinter group and has promised it financial support.

According to Baladz and Khril, a separate Georgian association may be influential for the time being, but it will prove harmful in the long run. "It tends to emphasize differences, rather than to unite. We weren't Georgians in the USSR and will not be Georgians here. The Jews from different Soviet republics struggled in unison for the right to emigrate, and there is no reason for them to separate here," Khril himself a Georgian, argued.

Some 42,000 Jews have emigrated from Soviet Georgia in the last six years, and only 47 families have since left Israel.



This Egyptian cargo vessel found drifting off the Sinai coast by an Israeli Navy boat on Saturday set sail for Port Said on Monday, after being provisioned with food and water. The Karim was drifting with its engines out of order, towards Romani when encountered by the Navy vessel. On board were its five-man crew and a cargo of sponge, glass and plastic from Beirut. The Israeli sailors tried to repair the engine and took some parts ashore. But the repair could not be effected at sea and the Egyptians preferred to continue under sail rather than be towed to an Israeli harbour.

Mapam opposed to NRP having four ministers

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam leaders are vehemently opposed to giving the National Religious Party four seats in the Cabinet — instead of the three they had before. Welfare Minister Michael Hazzev died suddenly a month ago. The issue is expected to be brought up at tomorrow's meeting of "Rikuz," the leadership group of Mapam.

The NRP claims they were promised four seats when they joined the Government nine months ago; but, because Zerah Warhaftig MK refused to join without the Young Guard, only three seats were filled by the party. It now appears that the Young Guard executive will approve the nomination of Ze'ev Hammer MK to the Cabinet — in which case Warhaftig's name will be put forward by the centre faction of his party.

Mapam argues that the NRP is not entitled to a fourth seat on the Cabinet, pointing out that the seven Mapam MKs have been given two Cabinet ministers, and that the eight Rafi members could also muster only two ministers. If the NRP, with ten MKs, are given a fourth minister, Mapam would demand three more in the Cabinet. Moreover, it is likely that Abud Harav, with two Cabinet ministers, would also pressure for an additional minister, resulting in a situation bordering on the absurd.

But Zvi Bernstein, Secretary-General of the NRP, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the party was adamant. "We have an agreement with the Labour Party," he said.

In fact, Mapam's opposition can be traced to its apprehension lest Ze'ev Hammer's presence in the Cabinet injure the delicate balance between the "doves" and the "hawks." Hammer is a known hawk.

On another front, Mapam and Ya'ad leaders have held several meetings recently. However, Mapam appears reluctant to join Ya'ad in establishing a joint front against the hawks.

The meetings were ostensibly held in order to exchange ideas on how to vote in the Knesset in case the Government finds a formula, which would make an "interim agreement" with Egypt a reality. Ya'ad is known to be reluctant to back the Government on this issue.

However, there is more to the contacts than the mere signing of a declaration. According to Aryeh Eliaz, former Labour maverick and now a Ya'ad spokesman.

Eliaz would like Mapam to leave the Alignment and join the struggle to shift the power to a progressive combination.

"We cannot afford to have Rabbi Levinger (who heads the settlers' committee in Kiryat Arba) behaving like a prime minister and forcing the Government's hand," Eliaz told The Post recently. He envisages Ya'ad, Mapam, and possibly the Independent Liberals and Moked as partners in such a move.

"Mapam is now a Zionist party," he noted.

In Mapam circles yesterday the initiative was dismissed as far-fetched. "If Mapam decides to break the Alignment, it will face the electorate alone," a Mapam spokesman told The Post yesterday.

Asked whether he advocates a head-on confrontation with the "right," Eliaz said: "It is they who want it."

Likud MK sues 'Ha'olam Hazeh'

TEL AVIV. — Likud Knesset Member Akiva Nof yesterday brought a criminal libel suit here against "Ha'olam Hazeh" reporter Yossi Yarnal and the magazine's editor, Uri Avnery, for claiming he travelled abroad at public expense.

Nof's suit refers to a series of articles on trips abroad by Knesset members, in one of which he was described as taking IL9,922 of public money for travel. In addition, he objected to a part of the series which said the Foreign Ministry is "bribing" opposition members with trips abroad to soften their position.

The Knesset member said he has financed all his trips abroad, by himself, and has taken no money from any State, public or party body for this. The case will be heard by Magistrate Israel Carmel at the beginning of October. (Nim)

Losing Sinai oil will bring war, geologist says

By YAA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Handing the Abu Rodas oil wells back to the Egyptians would be worse than returning the Sinai passes or evacuating Ophira and surrendering control of the Tiran Straits, geologist Moshe Shafir, head of the Public Committee for Abu Rodas, said here yesterday.

Returning the oilfields now would cost Israel 60 per cent of its current oil supplies and precipitate a new war in the shortest time, he said, because the country would be left dependent on the will of the Arabs to allow supplies from the Persian Gulf.

"The Arabs would most likely close the Bab el-Mandeb Straits and again impose a blockade on oil supplies — which has twice unleashed a war, once in 1956 (the Sinai Campaign) and again in 1967 (the Six Day War)," Shafir explained.

The Public Committee for Abu Rodas has appealed to all workers in the oil and energy industries to hold a token strike on the day U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrives here, and asks the public in general to join in demonstrations against returning the oilfields. Shafir, who himself once served at Abu Rodas, also scored successive finance ministers for having failed to invest enough money in searches for oil inside Israel's old borders over the past 27 years.

AN INSTITUTE for International Public Relations and Zionist-Political Information will open at Haifa University with the start of the coming school year, under the auspices of the Israel Council for International Relations. The three-month first session, staffed by professors and persons active in public and political life, will be open to the general public.

Ombudsman rejects investors' attack in rental flat controversy

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State Ombudsman's office yesterday asserted that it has the right and obligation to see that any "blatant injustice" committed by the Government against the public is corrected. The Government should honour its promises without waiting for complaints to be made to the Ombudsman.

The office of Ombudsman Yitzhak Nebenzahl was asked to comment on charges (reported in yesterday's Jerusalem Post) by investors-contractors that the Ombudsman was "wrong and unjust" in his recent recommendations regarding 12-year rental flats for new immigrants. Dr. Nebenzahl had urged the Ministry of Absorption and Housing to abide by the rental terms they specified in English-language advertisements in 1972 for those immigrants who showed that they were misled by the ads.

Responding to the immigrants' complaint against the ministries, the Ombudsman wrote last month that "blatant injustice" would be committed by the Government if the immigrants had to pay higher rents than those originally agreed upon or if the 12 years were calculated from the time the buildings were completed rather than the date of rental.

The 26 investors in the rental apartments, however, insist that they be allowed to raise the rent, adding that the Ombudsman had not asked for their side of the story before he formulated his recommendations.

The Ombudsman's office explained that the disagreement was between the immigrants and the ministries at this stage, and that the investor-contractors need not have been consulted.

"We have no axe to grind with people who build rental flats for immigrants," said the spokesman. "There may even be a good case for encouraging construction of rental housing, but it is a matter of economic policy into which we cannot go."

The claims of the contractors, he added, should be dealt with by the ministries later.

The Ombudsman rejected the argument that the rents should be increased because most of the immigrant tenants are professionals earning high salaries or pensioners with income from abroad. "The Government can't claim that their development help is given only to poor people; justice must be done even for people who are not the poorest."

He also dismissed the ministers' argument that abiding by the rental terms as advertised would cost too much money. "These mortgages were just like the immovable loans granted by the Government to other Israelis to purchase apartments, which resulted in considerable losses in real value because they are repaid only after many years."

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Absorption Ministry has altered its policy of providing 12-year rental flats for immigrants who want them, since the Ombudsman's mortgage privileges by joining the scheme. Instead, the immigrants can apply for grants to help them pay their rent or obtain easy-term mortgages to buy a flat.

The Ombudsman's recommendations, which have moral influence but do not carry the power of enforcement, have been sent to Attorney-General Aharon Barak. Prof. Barak's ruling, expected in the near future, will be followed (by prior agreement) by the Absorption Ministry.

Boiler-blast victims accept temporary flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three of the families from the Kiryat Yovel building damaged last month by a boiler blast yesterday agreed to accept temporary accommodations offered them through the Municipality.

The families — Gigi, Abergil and Kravet — were among four who earlier refused such accommodations in Kiryat Menahem and Manahat, insisting on apartments in their old neighbourhood. On Sunday, the Municipality announced that it was stopping payments for all four families at the hotel in which they had been put up since the blast.

Record number of strikes, sanctions

By AARON SITTMER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work disputes are battering the economy at a record rate, the Labour Ministry claimed this week.

Nahman Ori, chief labour relations officer, said 65,136 work days were lost in the course of 67 full strikes during the first six months of this year. The comparative figure for last year was 24,513 lost work days in 26 strikes.

Both sets of figures do not include time lost when workers exercised sanctions, go-slows, "working-by-the-book," refusal to work overtime or other forms of employees' protest against management.

Ori added: "There were 28 partial work stoppages — including 'sanctions' — from January through June this year, compared with 20 in the similar period of 1976. But the number of workers participating in these actions soared — from 8,084 last year to 14,604 this year."

More than half of the full strikes called were in the civil service and state corporations, and the same trend was noticed with regard to partial work stoppages and sanctions. As in previous years the public services, including transport and communications, were affected more than any other branch of the economy by labour troubles.

Ori also disclosed that more than 90 per cent of the partial strikes and 60 per cent of the full strikes were declared without official sanction of the unions or other workers' organizations officially recognized as representing the workers. Furthermore, more than 85 per cent of both types of strikes occurred while existing work agreements were valid.

As usual, wage and benefit issues predominated in most of the strikes. However, the chief labour relations officer noted that in 32 per cent of the full strikes the main issues were non-economic — such as demands for improved working conditions and better attitudes on the part of the employer.

"This trend is rather surprising," Ori said. "In past years the number of disputes not connected with money issues was lower."

Bank Leumi staff want better deal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The national committee representing 7,500 Bank Leumi workers meets this morning to decide how to persuade management to meet its demands.

These demands, which are not backed by the Histadrut, consist of management paying a considerable part of each worker's National Insurance payments; regarding; and, for some workers, a IL15 a day payment for meals away from home.

Yesterday, to show they meant business, the employees refused to work a split day, but worked continuously, with the result that Bank Leumi branches were not open to the public between 4 and 5 p.m. The workers also refused to transfer telephone calls to some managers.

A Histadrut spokesman said yesterday that the rift between labour and management goes much deeper than the present demands and indicates the inability of both sides to work things out through discussions.

Management has already agreed to some worker demands, he said — increasing allowances for rest homes, and paying children's pre-kindergarten and summer camp fees.

Georgians score breakaway group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Members of more than 1,000 immigrant families from Soviet Georgia have signed a petition against the breakaway "Association of Georgian Immigrants," which recently split from the Soviet Immigrants Association.

This was reported Sunday by the director of the Soviet Immigrants Association, Daniel Baladz, and his deputy, Misha Khril.

The Association Ministry recently recognized the Georgian splinter group and has promised it financial support.

According to Baladz and Khril, a separate Georgian association may be influential for the time being, but it will prove harmful in the long run. "It tends to emphasize differences, rather than to unite. We weren't Georgians in the USSR and will not be Georgians here. The Jews from different Soviet republics struggled in unison for the right to emigrate, and there is no reason for them to separate here," Khril himself a Georgian, argued.

Some 42,000 Jews have emigrated from Soviet Georgia in the last six years, and only 47 families have since left Israel.

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Kollek takes lie test on leaked story

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Mayor Teddy Kollek and a senior aide submitted themselves to a lie detector test this week in a police investigation to discover the source of a published leak regarding the mooted closure of an East Jerusalem newspaper.

The mayor and his aide, Aharon Sarig, were among those present at a recent meeting in Jerusalem presided over by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel in which the possible closure of the newspaper "A-Shaab" was discussed. The daily has an extremist Arab nationalist policy.

A story on this meeting appeared in last Thursday's "Ha'aretz," arousing the ire of the Police Minister, who reportedly asked the police to discover the source of the leak.

According to "Ha'aretz," Hillel said he would be the first to submit himself to a lie detector test. The "Ha'aretz" reporter who broke the story, Yehuda Litani, was summoned to police headquarters Monday but declined to answer any questions on the matter.

Scottish countess would bring tours to Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Countess of Mar and Kellie, head of the Scottish Churches' House, has expressed that body's interest in organizing tours to Israel. The countess is in Israel for a week's visit as guest of the Tourism Ministry.

At a meeting Tuesday with Minister Moshe Kol, she urged him to intensify the information campaign about Israel in Scotland, particularly among the churches, with a view to encouraging pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Scottish Churches' House, of which she is the chairman, embraces all Protestant churches in Scotland. It is Britain's only ecumenical organization, and meetings of its council are attended by the Roman Catholics, who have observer status.

The countess is to bring her first group of pilgrims to Israel next March.

Giant stack completed at Ashdod power station

ASHDOD. — Solel Boneh workers at the Ashdod power station here yesterday celebrated the completion of the station's 150-metre-high smoke stack. The giant stack, built with 1,800 cu.m. of concrete and 450 tons of steel, cost IL10m.

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Garden Peas 500 gr.	3-75	3.20
regular can		
Tomato Puree 100 gr.	3-80	1.10
Ketchup 12 oz. bottle	3-75	3.20
Yellow beans 500 gr. can	4-40	3.40
Instant Coffee, Super-Sol 200 gr.	11-80	10.80
Lox Salad — Fish Salad "Marie"	160 gr.	3-45 2.50
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contest was won on Sunday night in Beersheva by Yehoshua Nari, 16, of Bat Yam, with second prize going to Trudy Reaven, 18, of Ramat Gan and third to Ori Levin, 15, of Givatayim. But the guitar competition was an ordeal for the nine finalists, who could hardly be heard over noise, clapping and fighting from local rowdies and gate-crashers. The contest had been held at an outdoor swimming pool.

Additional information on this subject is available at the offices of the Checking Service, 6 Rehov Dror, Jaffa. Tel. 531212, every day during normal working hours.

Spaniards seize top Basque guerrilla

BARCELONA (UPI). — With Spain's wanted guerrilla leader Berta, police were yesterday seizing city blocks and the Basque guerrillas for two more militants in connection with a plot to free 40 political prisoners from a prison in Madrid.

Police late Monday night announced the capture of Pedro Perez Beotegui, whom they called the top leader of the Basque separatist organization, known as "Wilson" or "El Ingles." He was captured in a gunfight in Barrio de San Juan, a district in the center of Madrid.

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U.S. President Ford and Yugoslav President Tito raise a toast in Belgrade on Monday. (AP radiophoto)

Ford full of optimism

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. President Gerald Ford, returning from a 10-day European tour, says his meetings with leaders of Eastern and Western Europe make him believe that "we are on the right course and the course that offers the best hope for a better world."

Ford returned to the White House late Monday night, ending a 15,000-km, five-nation journey climaxed in Helsinki where he signed a non-binding declaration of principles with the leaders of 34 other nations and met privately with Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Ford's first day back in the White House was to include a meeting with Japanese Premier Takeo Miki. A dominant theme of Miki's visit, which coincides with the 30th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, will be the security situation in Korea. Both Japan and the U.S. have a large stake in maintaining the stability on the Korean Peninsula.

Ford was expected to give Miki a full and frank account of American interest in preserving close U.S. ties with Japan and other non-Communist nations in East Asia in the wake of the fall of American-backed governments in Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Ford's prepared speech at the airport was cancelled because of a heavy rainstorm. In the text, he said of his participation at the Helsinki conference: "I was able to deliver in person a message of enormous significance to all Europeans: that message was — America still cares. The torch in the Statue of Liberty still burns bright."

He also said that the reception he received during his 10-day trip "was not a tribute to me so much as to the ideals and the leadership of the U.S. in the worldwide effort for progress and prosperity for all nations."

Third Angola Soviets making good use of reopened Suez Canal

CAIRO (UPI). — One ship in every six passing through the Suez Canal flies the red hammer-and-sickle flag, but so far in two months of resumed operations no Soviet warship has used the waterway, according to Suez Canal Authority statistics.

As the third month of operations began yesterday, a total of 1,085 ships from dozens of nations had paid more than \$25m. in tolls to use the canal.

It had been thought one of the chief beneficiaries of the east-west waterlink would be Russia, who could quickly dispatch its naval fleet from Black Sea ports to the Indian Ocean to counter any American presence there. But so far, this has not been the case.

Nevertheless, 169 Soviet ships, almost all of them cargo vessels, had transited as of last Friday, some of them possibly bound for installations south of the Red Sea. Officials could not say what the ships carried.

The American navy has not shied away from the Canal, sending five warships through, four of them north to the Mediterranean and one south to the Red Sea. Three naval vessels each from Iran and Egypt and two from France have also used the Canal.

All figures show the Suez Canal is not doing too well. For example, volume in the first two months has run at less than one-third of that recorded in the year before the Six Day War closed the waterway.

But despite the low amount of money taken in so far, the Canal Authority chairman has repeatedly predicted a record income of \$450m. in the first full year of operation — almost double that of 1966-67.

One problem to date has been the negligible resumption of petroleum traffic from the oil-rich Gulf States and Saudi Arabia. While in the past, 73 per cent of shipping involved full and empty tankers shuttling almost exclusively to and from European ports, now only 3.6 per cent, all inbound, moving south.

Officials said this would change in the months to come and gave as reasons for the present reversal the higher tolls on fully loaded ships, lack of confidence in the Canal's safety as long as that of war exists, the commitments to fulfill existing hauling contracts around the Cape of Good Hope and draft limitations of from 10-12 metres since June 5.

But traffic has begun to pick up since Friday when the Authority inaugurated daily two-way traffic. Still 20-25 ships passing each day are a far cry from the average 63 before the war.

The Friday figures indicated 40 per cent of the volume belonged to four nations. Besides the Soviet Union, they were Greece with 109 ships, Britain with 68 and East Germany with 56.

These were followed in order by the Netherlands, India, Cyprus, France, Panama, China, Poland, Norway, Italy, the U.S., Japan and other countries that make up 23 per cent of the total.

Would have supported bid to kill Hitler, Colby says

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Central Intelligence Agency director William Colby said this week he would have supported an assassination attempt against Hitler in 1944, but that he believes the CIA should be barred from contemplating assassination plots today.

"I put out a directive in 1973 against assassination," Colby said in an open session of the House of Representatives intelligence committee. "But I would not have resisted an effort against Hitler in 1944."

Colby said he would not oppose a federal statute prohibiting the CIA from adopting an assassination plot, but said he indicated he might favor the possibility of making an exception in extreme circumstances.

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U.S. fed up with 'imprisoned' Kahane

NEW YORK (AP). — The U.S. government said Monday it was fed up with Jewish Defence League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane's activities while serving a prison term under minimum security, and wants to crack down on him.

"The rabbi enjoys a particularly non-penal way of life," said Brooklyn's U.S. Attorney David Trager. He asked the U.S. Court of Appeals to order Kahane to a regular prison, saying that he comes and goes as he pleases in violation of the rules of a West Side Manhattan hotel where he is living at Federal expense.

Kahane is fighting imprisonment on grounds that he is constitutionally entitled to kosher food. However, Trager called this a "masked effort... for the primary reason is to allow him to head the JDL and to participate in political activities."

The saga of Kahane as a Federal prisoner began in 1971, when he was placed on probation for conspiring to manufacture a firebomb in connection with violent JDL activities. He violated the probation by urging JDL members to kill and kidnap Russian diplomats and bomb the Iraqi Embassy in Washington.

"Kahane's case is special," declared Brooklyn Federal Judge Jack Weinstein, who sentenced him to a year in prison, but stayed his commitment to the Allenwood, Pennsylvania Penitentiary, itself one of the most lenient of Federal penal institutions. Ostensibly, Weinstein acted on a temporary basis to hear Kahane's petition to be served kosher food at Allenwood. The judge later ruled in Kahane's favor, but again delayed his incarceration pending appeal of the decision.

Kahane has spent the past five months at the West Side hotel, which is known as a Federal Community treatment centre, intended as a re-orientation centre for Federal prisoners nearing the end of their terms.

Trager asked the Appeals Court to dismiss Weinstein's ruling directing that Kahane have kosher food, and to send him to prison. The prosecutor asked a speedy ruling on his petition, pointing out that Kahane has only seven months left of his one-year sentence, and citing the "peculiar and most administratively inconvenient manner in which the appellant is serving his sentence."

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Mate a monster

HEMEL HEMPSTAD, England (AP). — A "female" effigy of the Loch Ness monster, complete with flashing green eyes and long, curly eyelashes, set out for Scotland yesterday to sound a "mating call" on the murky lake.

The "mate a monster" project was conceived by the firm of Hertfordshire and is less in the interests of science than in raising money for their benevolent fund.

Ronald Percival, divisional staff officer at Hertfordshire Fire Brigade Headquarters, said the men have studied the numerous eyewitness reports of the strange aquatic creature believed to inhabit Loch Ness and are now convinced there is "something out there."

"Based on the assumption that there is only one beast and that it must be male, the firm have constructed a female 'Nessie', Percival said. "She is designed to float and emit water vapour and is fitted with an electronic monster mating call."

RATES. — England's four major independent banks yesterday announced they were raising their basic interest rates for loans to 10 per cent from 9 1/2 per cent. The move had been widely expected since the Bank of England raised its minimum lending rate from 10 to 11 per cent on July 25.

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'Playboy' profits down, but Hefner living it up

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Hugh Hefner, fighting a financial slump by changing times, says his magazine is not setting on its Playboy empire and comes to maintain his super flashy life.

Hefner's boss has taken a salary cut, but his "black bunny" jettisoned 15 of his best-selling titles like the Playboy, but he is banking on better fortune.

Our economic problems are not the more reason to Playboy, but something to make us brighter days ahead," Hefner said in an interview, lounging beside the pool of his 30-room mansion in the exclusive Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles.

Now 49 and graying at the temples, Hefner insisted that Playboy Enterprises, Inc., is shifting gears now, but because it fell behind the times, but because everyone else caught up.

"For most of our 21 years there was no real circulation competition," Hefner said of the magazine, flagship of a fleet of Playboy diversified interests.

"Now there is a far more competitive situation with several other men's magazines of which 'Penthouse' of course is the main one," he said.

He denies that the magazine is failing, stressing that another Playboy publication, the more explicit "Owl," has picked up the more than one million readers lost by "Playboy" in the past three years.

However, "Playboy" will have a new look this fall, with revised cover design, more nonfiction and new features.

In a slight how to changing times, Playboy recently declared "Bunny Lib" allowing club waitresses to date patrons. But Hefner still seems puzzled by Women's Lib.

"It certainly has had an effect on me personally," he said in an apparent reference to his split with longtime girlfriend Barbie Benton, who left him and became a successful country singer. "But many of the humanistic aims which Playboy had in the '60s are the same as those of the women's liberation movement now," he insists.

"I've taken very seriously the need to work 'harder than ever,' but Hefner, who owns 70 per cent of Playboy stock and gave up his own last stock dividend to help the firm, "Some blame Hefner for Playboy's financial straits, but he admits only one major error, "I wish I hadn't gone public. I was sold on it by other corporation executives."

The upheaval, he says, has forced him to work "harder than ever," but he declares, "this is going to wind up being a healthy thing for us. Playboy grew so rapidly that there was a lot of waste. It was easy to hide inefficiency when we were making a \$20m.-a-year profit."

BRIDGE GEORGE LEVINREW

A CRUCIAL MATCH

IT WAS IN THE 16th round of the European Bridge Championships in Brighton, England that Switzerland was Israel's opponent. Israel was then only in sixth place, and the match could be a vital one. Below are two of Israel's successes in this contest.

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

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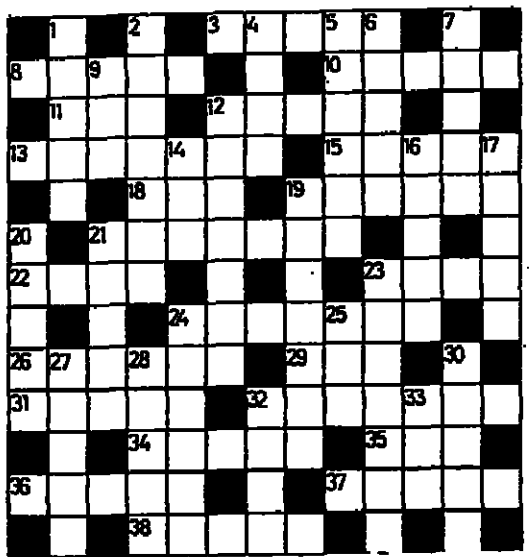
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ACROSS

- 3 Gamblers (5)
- 8 Niggard (5)
- 10 Rowing crew (5)
- 11 Silencer (5)
- 12 Wanderer (5)
- 13 Cretaceous (5)
- 15 Response (5)
- 16 Immediately (5)
- 18 Dangerous (5)
- 19 Feasibility (5)
- 20 Eggs money (4)
- 22 Ringing instrument (4)
- 24 Abashed (7)
- 25 Jeers (4)
- 26 Ship's record (3)
- 31 Small fish (5)
- 32 Justified (7)
- 34 Pool of money (3)
- 35 Grumble constantly (3)
- 36 Horseman (5)
- 37 Watch (5)
- 38 Friend (5)

DOWN

- 1 Intolerant person (5)
- 2 Fables (7)
- 3 Fobs (4)
- 4 Discoveries (6)
- 5 Teams (5)
- 6 Ledge (4)
- 7 Proverb (5)
- 8 Jewels (7)
- 9 Coadjutor (5)
- 10 Coarsely handled (5)
- 11 Land cries (7)
- 12 Desires (5)
- 13 Small fish (5)
- 14 Flowers (7)
- 15 Doves (6)
- 16 Turned crowd (5)
- 17 Mouth (5)
- 18 Stars (5)
- 19 Commences (5)
- 20 Small case (4)
- 21 Sheepskin (5)
- 22 Friend (5)



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Does this dog smell a bit? (5)
- 2 Coward, spun out for 30? (5)
- 3 100-year composer (5)
- 4 Children of Palestine (5)
- 5 One reason to raise Cain, we say (5)
- 6 Jim's character (5)
- 7 Change for best-looking Italian style (5)
- 8 A long time twisting one's ear (5)
- 9 Someone anticipated? (5)
- 10 Train before dawn (5)
- 11 They may be slow to shoot (5)

DOWN

- 1 One of no importance to Oscar Wilde? (5)
- 2 Interference with a singer (7)
- 3 Work that doesn't need us (5)
- 4 Early rocker (5)
- 5 Heard incorrectly to have run (5)
- 6 For him, little room exists (5)
- 7 In one of the rules (5)
- 8 Deduces position (5)
- 9 One who believes in being unreasonable? (5)
- 10 First runner that may finish second (5)
- 11 Salero's sister city? (7)
- 12 Not quite a body of soldiers about? (5)
- 13 Had vent tried at the pitch, that's clear (5)
- 14 Bad burner when off at last (5)
- 15 A cold a better? (5)
- 16 Back for a change (5)
- 17 Latin type Norman's wild (5)
- 18 In beered, the best? (5)
- 19 Money industry for development (5)
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 Authorities may well have had a psychological move in announcing that the two per cent devaluation — where one went to 10 per cent had been — was aimed at hitting speculators. The latter have decided to hold on, in difficult to predict, who is to win this war of nerves.
 The rate, on the Nafed, fell from 10 agora, from 11.70 to 11.90. Prices of other foreign currencies did not even fall.
 The stock market, the price of which fell by 10 points to 227.5, is in a state of confusion. The fact that only 100 shares were offered for sale, and new price \$250,000 were also to 178 (80,000). This is an indication that buyers are not dumping, and there are still buyers, at least in the market.

Unit Price	Redemption Price
198.20	191.41
180.98	176.58
195.0	190.3
155.19	151.56
270.0	264.4
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Another sharp fall

Brokers noted the bargain hunting that appeared late in the morning coincided with a softening trend in some short-term interest rates following a sharp rise Monday. But the interest-rate pullback and the mid surge in stocks both proved short-lived.
 The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial closed 7.90 lower at 810.15, extending its loss over the past three weeks to 71.66 points.

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SALES OF ELECTRICAL appliances declined this year, and some local producers are said to be hit by increased foreign competition. However, Amcor — the major concern in this field — has not been affected, and expects to at least maintain its sales and production volume in the foreseeable future — Mr. I. Wuntsh, the company's general manager, told The Post. He ascribes this performance to Amcor's good record as regards quality and rapid service.

Though the high customs tariff is also of importance in protecting the local industry, Mr. Wuntsh is confident that Amcor will be able to maintain most of its production lines even if the tariff is eventually dismantled and the local market exposed to the full blast of imports from the EEC. Nevertheless, the company plans to adjust itself gradually to the changing circumstances by developing new products which could be marketed abroad. Exports are therefore the backbone of its new expansion programme, expected to amount to IL30m. over the next three years.

Amcor had engaged in exports on a substantial scale in the early 'sixties, when they accounted for about 15 per cent of its turnover. In later years this declined to insignificant proportions, however, even in absolute amounts. Only recently has a new start been made. Still, in 1974-75 sales abroad amounted to IL5m., about 7 per cent of the sales total. The target for the current year is IL25m., about the same percentage-wise.

Substantial expansion in this field will require considerable effort, and take much time, for in the home market Amcor can rely to a great extent on licenses and know-how agreements with reputed foreign companies, but to secure a foothold in foreign markets it must develop original products or at least novel designs and applications. Thus its recent success has been largely due to break demand for a number of new products it has been offering abroad, such as electronic fly exterminators, educational games, and air-ionizers (based on the research of Professor Zelman of the Hebrew University). It shortly plans to start producing a new model of solar heaters developed here, which is now undergoing a running-in test. More products are in various planning stages, but it will take years before they reach the market.

In the long run Amcor will probably have to concentrate on a smaller number of production units in order to benefit from the economies of scale. However, in the present transitional stage it is trying to make the best use of its production, which is carried out by ten different companies, each of them operating a separate plant, and marketing its own special products. Only for overseas sales has a joint export agency been set up.

Amcor Ltd., the concern's parent company, functions also as its financial headquarters. But at the same time it continues production, putting out refrigerators, deep freezers, and air conditioners, with net sales amounting to IL15m. in 1974-75. Production of refrigerated cabinets, water coolers, and super-market equipment (to the tune of IL22m. formerly handled by Amur, has been recently transferred to Amcor.

Television and radio receivers, air purifiers, insect control appliances, and a range of electronic components are produced by Amcor which has a turnover of IL10m. Last year Amcor's sales of electrical appliances requiring enamelling and plating, such as hot water boilers (electric and solar) and electric heaters. Please concentrates on die casting and stamping, and last year its sales amounted to IL10m., with products including food mixers, fans, vacuum cleaners, and juice extractors. Motors are produced by Redmond Amcor (IL7m.); dry batteries by Am-Or (IL5m.); educational games by Amhad (IL2.5m.). Amcoram is producing precision parts for the aviation industry (IL7m.).

In the current year, the group's aggregate turnover is expected to amount to IL300m., making it the country's largest private concern which has not yet gone public. One half of Amcor's voting shares are owned by Amcor Ltd. (which functions also as the group's servicing company), and the other half by the Haager cooperative, but IL20m. of the paid up IL57m. share capital are held by non-voting shareholders, mainly from abroad. Hitherto the group's expansion has been largely financed by ploughing back profits (including the modest cash dividends), but time will show whether this will be enough for providing the capital required in the pending readjustment period.



Airports have always meant long walks to check-ins, customs, passport controls and departure halls. A new international airport, at Lyon in southern France, is a breakthrough. Its basic idea is centralization of the airport's functions. Built on a modular basis, each glass-domed covered section serves the departure to a different destination. Check-in, passport-control, are available in each section. If you want to go to London, you park your car, or alight from the bus, beside the sub-terminal serving departures for London, check-in 15 metres from the entrance, and get on the plane parked only 20 metres away. (David Rubinger)

Why Israelis work only during the daytime

By DAVID KRIVINE
 Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

"IN ISRAEL, most of the industrial capital is lying idle most of the time." This conclusion is reached in a Falk Institute study by David Morawetz, entitled "Capital Utilization in Israel Industry." Phrased another way, Israelis work during the daytime, but do not care to do a second or third shift.

The question is, why is this so? Dr. Morawetz blames the low cost of capital, which creates a tendency to over-stock with machinery. But Israel's industrialists have a different explanation. They blame the shortage of labour.

Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, has yet another view. He says that Israel's industry is built wrongly. Units are small and scattered, which does not permit long production runs.

New lines of development policy should bring a correction, he believes. According to Morawetz, the governments supply cheap, unlinked loans, with a view to encouraging capital investment. And they succeed only too well. Industrialists buy more equipment than they need. If a manufacturer requires 300 machine-shifts to produce his desired output, he finds it cheaper to buy 300 machines and use them during the day only, rather than buy 100 or 150 machines, and use them day and night.

Subsidized capital

There are other consequences of this policy. Since capital is artificially made cheaper than labour, a boost is given to capital-intensive (that is, highly-mechanized) industries. This is not necessarily a bad thing; but it may be overdue. Morawetz's point is that capital-intensive industries receive a greater boost than would happen if the price system was not distorted by this subsidization of capital.

Some loans are more subsidized than others. Approved enterprises pay (in real terms) between 1.9 and +3.3 per cent interest, depending on location, according to Morawetz's calculation. Non-approved enterprises pay 2.5 to 6.0 per cent. Those that pay more often, perversely, a lower rate of capital utilization.

Dr. Morawetz's explanation is that low-interest credit fosters capital-intensive industries, like chemicals and textiles.

There is some shift work in these industries, but the difference is not great — not as great as it ought to be. His conclusion is that cheap capital fosters not only the under-utilization of equipment, but also a misallocation of resources as between more and less capital-intensive branches.

The study was made in cooperation with the World Bank, which has sponsored research using similar techniques, in three other developing countries. Utilization rates compare as follows (per cent):

Israel	48
Philippines	62
Malaysia	71
Colombia	79

Business managers told Morawetz that the reason why they do not operate more than one shift is shortage of labour, and shortage of demand. This, he points out, is self-contradictory. Why do these shortages exist? Evidently because industry is over-equipped. If labour is lacking and demand is lacking — buy fewer machines, but operate them economically round the clock.

Manufacturers' denial
 Approached by The Jerusalem Post, the Economic Adviser to the Manufacturers' Association, Yosef Alshech, emphatically denied Morawetz's main thesis — the connection between the low cost of capital and the one-shift operation.

"What about the factories which do not get cheap credit — do they work more than one shift? This question does not seem to have been separately investigated, therefore the results of the report are inconclusive," he says.

Mr. Alshech's second point of

criticism is the countries taken for comparison. They are developing economies, with an abundance of cheap labour and a slower pace of development than in Israel.

"We have to buy machinery in order to compensate for the lack of manpower. Even if a plant works three shifts, it needs more intensive mechanization, because we have fewer hands for each of the three shifts than Malaysia or Colombia."

The shortage of labour is general in the Israeli economy, it is not confined to industry. This makes the individual worker more exigent in his demands. He will not take a job involving night shifts if he can get one even less well paid, that is confined to the normal daylight hours.

Inflation (and the consequent seller's market for labour) renders second — and third — shift labour unduly expensive.

Dr. Mandelbaum finds fault with the structure of industry. Israeli enterprises tend to be only medium-sized, and are also non-specialised. They do all of half-a-dozen processes instead of concentrating on one and contracting out the rest. As a result they cannot develop long production runs, which could lend themselves to three-shift, round-the-clock operation.

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post last week, he made a breakdown of outlays in a labour-intensive industry (where the alternative costs of capital and labour could present a problem). He pointed out that wages account for 40 per cent of production expenses, and interest three per cent.

A night shift costs 20 per cent extra, which means increasing the wage-component (as a proportion of

turnover) by 8 per cent. Even if interest charges were doubled, that would only add three per cent to the cost table. Therefore, he concludes, the subsidization of interest-rates on development loans does not really affect the issue.

What is necessary is to concentrate single industries in single locations, and create what he calls a "beehive system," of many plants grouped round a single activity. As it happens, the new industrial zone in Tefen (near Maalot) is going to be focused almost exclusively on electronics. Hatzor on heavy metals, Ramat Hovav (near Beer-sheva) on chemicals.

In each place a comprehensive infrastructure will be developed. The division of labour will be horizontal, not vertical. Individual factories will occupy themselves with one process, servicing all the other factories. This will only be economical if each process has a large number of customers. The end-product will be assembled rather than manufactured.

Dr. Morawetz believes that all factories should be charged the real cost of capital, without subsidization. Then they will calculate objectively how to utilise their resources most economically. Mr. Alshech disagrees. To him the bottleneck is first of all the shortage of labour; in other words, inflation, which distorts performance.

In any case, industry remained profitable working at part-capacity because it was operating in a protected, captive market pampered by massive subsidies. Its tendency to neglect the cost of capital was strengthened by the rapid rise of labour cost. It is a form of distortion that we cannot afford for ever.

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Old-age pensions are important source of foreign exchange

By DR. A. BERGMANN
 Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE NATIONAL Insurance Institute expects to pay, in the current fiscal year, about IL1,300m. in pensions to old-age pensioners, widows and orphans. A substantial sum, even though less (in real terms) than the amounts originally envisaged.

At the same time, in 1975 Israel will receive foreign social security pensions remitted from abroad to the tune of over IL320m. About IL200m. are expected to accrue to 15,000 pensioners from Germany, IL20m. to pensioners from Austria, and IL100m. to immigrants from the U.S. entitled to the U.S. Social Security pensions. The U.S. statistics for 1972 (just published) show, for December 31, 1972, 5,143 pensioners of the U.S. system in Israel with pensions totalling \$768,307. With the increase in the number of pensioners here, and the substantial rise in U.S. pension rates, the estimate of \$15m. annually seems justified.

The importance of old-age pensions as a source of foreign exchange is perhaps not fully appreciated. Israel will remain a country of immigration for many years to come; even citizens now listed as emigrating are apt to return, at the end of their working activities (or earlier), possibly with an entitlement to — at least partial — foreign pensions. Greece now has more than 20,000 such pensioners — Greek citizens who stayed part of their life in the U.S. and returned to live in Greece on their savings, including their Social Security pensions. A pension of \$280 (free of tax) monthly in the Mediterranean, assures the pensioner of maintenance at a decent level; moreover, it assures the country's economy an addition of "unrequited imports," now sorely needed by Israel.

The National Insurance Institute, hit by a shortage of skilled staff, finds in hard to cope with the many practical questions that arise relating to this issue; but the task is

equally important to other Government departments (such as the Ministry of Absorption). The National Insurance Institute has been active in the arrangement of mutual treaties with other states. However, the conclusion of treaties is not sufficient. Claims must be organized, and processed. This, so far, has been left to private initiative — which succeeded in the case of claims against Germany and Austria but may be insufficient in relation to other states.

Last year saw the end of a seven year struggle with the German Social Security institutions for what was considered a minor claim: The allocation for sickness insurance premiums which the German statute provides to social security pensioners. The German institutions refused to pay this allocation to non-resident pensioners. It took seven years, and several appeals to the German Supreme Court (Bundes-Sozialgericht), to prove this refusal unjustified. West Germany will pay, as from 1975, IL40m. annually for this allocation alone, to pensioners in Israel.

In this struggle (carried on entirely through individual efforts, without help from the State) — the statute could be interpreted in favour of the non-resident pensioner's claim. But the parallel claim against the U.S. Social Security system has no parallel basis in the U.S. statute. As that statute stands now it restricts the right to Medicare benefits to pensioners domiciled in the United States (and perhaps some contiguous regions). A change in the U.S. statute will have to be sought. Efforts in this behalf (and efforts will be necessary) have to be initiated by a state rather than by individuals; and by the State of Israel, rather than Greece or Japan.

There will be resistance, in the U.S. legislative bodies, against a further expansion of the Federal scheme; and the difficulties certainly should not be underrated. Neither should the prize. For the trend in social insurance is now to protect the old-age pensioner against the financial catastrophe which a major illness involves. A breakthrough in the U.S. might well be followed by similar favourable arrangements with other countries.

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S. Bar-Levov
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Monetary management

THE OBJECT of a creeping devaluation is to take the sensation out of this basically humdrum monetary operation. Once upon a time currencies were "protected" against any downward change in their par value, as a matter of national honour. Now that all the major currencies are free to float up or down like other commodities, this mystical aspect has been discarded.

But the histrionic element remains, owing to the possibilities of speculation. Anyone buying dollars just before the Israel pound is devalued can make a packet. And sizeable devaluations can be anticipated (even though the exact date may be difficult to determine) — because the local currency's official value must be substantially out of line with its purchasing-power in world markets, to make a change in its parity necessary.

The once-a-month 2 per cent devaluation, adopted in June as a routine procedure, solves a number of problems. First, the currency is not allowed to get too far out of line with its true value, but is adjusted at short intervals. Secondly, speculation becomes complicated. After all, loan capital costs more than 2 per cent a month, at the present time.

Speculation therefore only becomes feasible if the precise date is foreseen, so that borrowed dollars can be repaid two or three days later, at a profit. Hence the mini-devaluations ought to be irregular, to confuse all guess-work.

Speculators were deceived this time for another reason. They expected a more drastic fall in the value of the pound. And in theory they were right. Had the exchange-rate not been interfered with at all this year, the Israel pound being dollar-linked, would have moved up by 5 per cent, compared with the "basket" of foreign currencies (including the dollar) to which the Governor of the Bank of Israel, would have tied.

The first devaluation reduced this over-pricing from 5 to 3 per cent. Yesterday's reduction should consequently have been at least 3 per cent, just to restore the status quo — and more than 3 per cent if our exports were to be gingered out of their current lethargy.

What the Government did in fact was merely to diminish the prevailing over-valuation — to one per cent, which leaves the Israel pound still a little more expensive in terms of foreign currencies than it was before the mini-devaluations began.

This should not discourage exporters, if they have grasped the principle. The principle is that today's exchange-rate is of no great importance, because whatever goods are ready for despatch were put into production three, six and nine months ago.

The exchange-rate concerns manufacturers who are deciding now what they will be shipping at the beginning of next year. And they know that until then the value of the currency will have been eased down in monthly or two-monthly instalments by 10-15 per cent at the very least. That should be the basis of their calculations.

The Government would be wise to go on taking the wind out of the speculators' sails, by getting rid of the melodrama that still remains. Midnight announcements should be kept for more fateful events. Repeated diminutive adjustments to the price of a currency can be announced without fuss in the early evening hours, after the banks are closed.

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VIEWPOINT

Thirty years after the explosion of the first nuclear bomb

A young Japanese looks at Hiroshima

By KINUE WEINSTEIN

THE FIRST NUCLEAR BOMB in history exploded 500 metres above the Japanese city of Hiroshima 30 years ago today. Of the 3,500 people who were standing in the immediate vicinity and saw only a noiseless flash in the sky, 90 per cent died immediately or within a few hours. Leaving a trail of death and destruction in its wake, the radiation released by the bomb extended over a radius of 10 kilometres.

Apart from the extent of the immediate destruction, which opened a new chapter in the possibilities of instant annihilation, one of the most horrifying aspects of the bomb is that its effects are still being felt. As of last year the total death toll, including those killed by the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, had reached 200,000 and about 2,000 new names are still being added to the list of victims every year. A generation after the end of World War II the nightmare of killing and violence has receded from the public mind, but not for those 340,000 people who are still suffering from the lingering effects of radiation. At the Atomic Bomb Hospital, five public hospitals and over 40 private clinics, treatment is still being given to those surviving victims. Ever since 1947 the Atomic Bomb Casualty Committee has been conducting extensive medical and biological research into the effects of radiation upon man.

The anniversary of the dropping of the bomb will as usual be marked in Japan as for years past by speeches, special broadcasts, and newspaper articles. The focal point of the observances will be the Memorial Park in downtown Hiroshima, and once again the "Hiroshima Committee" will call upon the governments of the world to im-



Some of the dazed survivors stand on Aioi Bridge, surrounded by the shells of destroyed buildings, in this photo taken immediately after the Hiroshima blast on August 6, 1945. (Pan)

pose a total ban on nuclear weapons.

As the only people to have experienced the horrors of nuclear attack, the Japanese regard themselves as having a special responsibility for seeing that the nuclear bomb is never used again. On the domestic scene, all political parties are in agreement regarding the prohibition on nuclear weapons incorporated in the Japanese constitution. The development of nuclear energy for peaceful uses, a matter of importance in view of Japan's shortage of natural resources, is being conducted with great caution. When

the reactor of Japan's first nuclear-powered ship sprang a leak, it was forced to float at sea for weeks before a harbour could be found for it.

A VISIT to the Atomic Bomb Museum located in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park helps explain Japanese sensitivity to the atomic bomb. Outside the museum rests a meaningless heap of twisted iron and crushed stones, all that remains of the magnificent dome of Hiroshima's Industry Promotion Hall, which had stood 150 yards from the "hypocentre" of the bomb.

Inside the museum, the picture archives give a detailed and sobering account of the damage. Near the "hypocentre" everything was reduced to unrecognizable ruins. A little further out, broken trees lie scattered like a pile of bleached bones. Still further, only the foundations of buildings were left untouched.

The record of the human destruction is even more terrible to behold, often forcing people to avert their eyes. Shreds of scorched uniforms, carbonized skin, huge radial burns. Some of

the bodies are spotted with darker-coloured clothing absorbed more heat. Fatal dose radiation reached to kilometre. For those beyond this area the radiation caused leukaemia (a kind of burn), blood disease, cancer.

The Atomic Bomb Museum inspires a terrifying horror which differs from the searing anguish at Yad Vashem. It is terrifying because it is what a nuclear holocaust means. And as one leaves the museum, even the peaceful scenery and the sight of Hiroshima are not enough to lighten the heart.

TODAY, the Hiroshima seems like a firecracker in comparison with modern weapons. And in the meantime, a generation has arisen, for whom Hiroshima is an ever more distant memory. Those of us born in Japan after 1945 share the belief that the atomic bomb should never be used again. But we grew up in a time of peace and prosperity, the urgency has been taken out of our protest. It is somehow taken for granted that since the bomb should be used, it never will be.

Yet, we cannot afford complacency. Given the present international situation, prospects for a total ban on nuclear weapons are not encouraging. Annual protests are not likely to change the situation, in the face of apathy and an immunity to violence which has built up over the past decades. Perhaps pictures of carbonized hands, radiation-stripped bodies, can be used as visual screams of protest. It is not easy to say any more, but perhaps it is possible to frighten men accepting their responsibility, masters of the atom.

Hans Christian Andersen's Jewish connection

By ALBERT EMILIAN

HANS CHRISTIAN Andersen, who died 100 years ago this week, is remembered today mostly for the fairy tales he wrote for children. But the famous Danish writer, one of the world's most widely read and loved authors, also wrote half a dozen novels, more than 20 plays, a body of verse (some of which was set to music by Grieg, Schumann and other composers) and an autobiography. His writings have been translated into 100 languages, some of them into both Hebrew and Yiddish.

Most of his works have been forgotten, as have many of the facts of his life. Born in 1805 in the small Danish town of Odense on the island of Fyn, Andersen was the son of a poor but not completely uneducated shoemaker and an illiterate woman who had been a prostitute before her marriage.

When his father died, after serving as a soldier in one of Napoleon's campaigns, Hans Christian was 11 years old, and could barely read and write. But driven by some inner urge, the boy went to Copenhagen three years later. Possessing a good voice, he earned a meagre living as a choirboy at the Royal Theatre. It was not until he was 17 that he entered a proper grammar school and eventually the university. He was 24 when he published his first works — not fairy tales, but a satirical

narrative and a play. His writings soon brought him fame abroad, but his native Denmark only belatedly recognized him as the greatest of all its contemporary writers. When he died, the King of Denmark was at his funeral.

Andersen was a lonely man even at the height of his fame. "God has given me much," he wrote in a letter to a friend in 1865, "but not what are perhaps the best and most blessed things in the world: a faithful wife worthy of love, a home, children..." This leitmotif of being unloved is repeated in many of his writings, most poignantly in the autobiographical tales "Under the Willow Tree," "The Bachelor's Night-cap" and the fable "Pen and Inkstand." These were written after the famous Swedish singer Jenny Lind, whom he immortalized in his fairy tale "The Nightingale," had rejected his offer of marriage.

Another little known fact of Andersen's life is that he was one of the most famous and inveterate travellers of his time. Between 1832 and 1873, he visited every country in Europe, with the exception of Russia, and was received everywhere with almost royal honours. In 1841, he set out on a long journey that was supposed to include the Holy Land, but for various reasons he got no further than Smyrna.

'Poor school'

THIS MUST HAVE been a matter of regret to Andersen, because a Jewish connection ran through his whole life, although this is rarely mentioned in standard biographies. The "poor school" where he learned his first letters was in fact the elementary school maintained by the tiny Jewish community of Odense. He shared the warm family life of Jewish schoolmates in Copenhagen. When he died at the age of 70, it was in the home of a Copenhagen Jewish family.

The day he first arrived in Copenhagen was September 5, 1819. Andersen described his first impressions in his novel "Just a Fiddler." "For the first time he saw... a big city... He

heard shouts and screams... and all the church bells were ringing." The 14-year-old son of the Odense cobbler did not know at the time that the noises he heard were the background to the "Judenfeide" — the anti-Semitic demonstrations which had spread to Denmark from nearby Hamburg.

At his grammar school, Andersen learned Hebrew and in his autobiographical novel "The Improvisatore," the hero quotes the first words of Genesis in the original — "Bereshit bara Elohim..." Andersen devotes two chapters of this novel to Jewish life and sufferings in the ghetto of Rome which he visited in 1833.

Then, as now, Denmark was friendly to the Jews, had permitted their settlement in the 17th century and granted them citizenship in 1814. Andersen was influenced not only by his personal childhood contacts with Jews, but also by the liberal attitude towards them of his fellow citizens. This is reflected in many of his writings. His "Rabbi Meyer" is a moving ballad on a Jewish theme. His story, "The Jewish Girl" was written in memory of the "poor school" in Odense. In three of his six novels, Jews are among the main "good" characters.

During the last ten years of his life, Andersen enjoyed a particularly close friendship with two leading Danish Jewish families. At the home of the Henriques, whose salon was the meeting place of the Danish intelligentsia and the artistic world, he made friends with the Melchior. Dorothy Melchior was the sister of Henriques and her husband was the well known Danish merchant Moritz Gershom Melchior. He was staying with the Melchior at their country house when he fell ill and it was there that he was cared for by Dorothy during the months before he died of cancer. And it was Dorothy Melchior who on August 4, 1875 wrote the last entry in Hans Christian Andersen's diary:

"Now the light has gone out... Today at five minutes past eleven our beloved friend breathed his last."

READERS' LETTERS

Not enough shelters

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Referring to Mr. Peres's statement that 70 per cent of the country's population have shelters (July 24), I would like to ask what the less fortunate 30 per cent of the population are supposed to do in the event of war.

In the Jerusalem suburb where I live, only five out of 30 residential buildings have proper shelters. The community centre has one which can accommodate a few dozen families. So do the two schools. But they are inaccessible to the general public without authorization from certain officials who are amazingly elusive. My 11-year-old son, who remembers the exploding shells crashing around our building (which had no shelter) during the Six Day

War, asked me the other day: "What should we do if another war breaks out? Where should we go if bombs fall on Jerusalem?"

I honestly don't know.
RALPH DOBRIN
Jerusalem, July 27.

FENFRIENDS

MRS. CBE. ROLLEMA (55), of van Baerlestraat 46, The Hague, Holland, would like to have Israeli penfriends. ROBERT WITTNER (32), of 7177 Country Club Road, Oakbrook, Wisconsin 60451, would like to correspond with an Israeli man. His hobbies are reading, music and sports. JOSEFINA ALARCON of 7012 Fellbach, Brimweg 22, Germany, is a Spaniard living in Germany who would like to correspond with a young Israeli soldier or student in Spanish, Italian or German.

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